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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 11 to 12, 14 to 18, 20 to 21 and 23 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by US 6,305,737 (Corder et al.). Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 11 to 13, 15 to 18, 20 to 22, 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,713,862 (Kinaga et al.). Claims 5 to 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 6,305,737 (Corder et al.). Claims 2, 3, 10, and 19 were rejected as being dependent on rejected base claims, but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 27 was allowed. Claims 28 to 49 have been added.

Claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 2. Allowable claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form. The limitations of allowable claim 19 have been incorporated into claim 16. Claims 2, 9, 18 and 19 thus have been canceled.

The specification and claim 7 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

Withdrawal of the rejections and objections thus is respectfully requested.

New dependent claims 28 to 49 all depend from allowable claims.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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